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April 15, 2003

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TAGS: KPAO  
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Subject: IS THE MIGHTY MENGASH MOSCOW BOUND?  
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TAGS: [KPAO](#) [IZ](#) [TC](#)  
SUBJECT: IS THE MIGHTY MENGASH MOSCOW BOUND?

REF: KUWAIT 1199

UAE Information Minister Abdullah bin Zayid called the Ambassador 4/14 with a postscript to the tale of the "mighty" Mengash -- the scrappy Iraqi farmer who "shot down" an Apache with a vintage WWI rifle in the first days of the war and became a cult hero in much of the Arab world. Apparently an Abu

Dhabi TV crew sought Mengash out the other day for an interview. When approached by the Emirati journalists, a paranoid Mengash refused to go on camera, claiming "the Americans" were looking for him and he was now seeking "political asylum" in Russia. If he made it to Moscow, Mengash promised Abu Dhabi TV an exclusive. An amused Abdullah swore the story was true.

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